ARB has extended the deadline for the submission of alternatives relating to economic impacts for ARB to analyze in its Standardized Regulatory Impact Analysis (SRIA) and/or under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to Monday, June 23, 2014.

In response to the requirements of SB 617 (see http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/economic_research_unit/SB617_regulation/view.php) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), ARB is welcoming public input on alternatives to the existing regulation and concepts in the LCFS Re-Adoption Concept Paper released on March 7, 2014.

As part of our effort, we initially asked those who wish to assist us in proposing and analyzing alternatives to the LCFS to submit their ideas and analyses by June 6th – in time to be considered in connection with the Standardized Regulatory Impact Analysis (SRIA) we are preparing for submittal to the Department of Finance. In light of a request from Growth Energy for additional time, we will extend the time for submitting alternative(s) and analysis to June 23, 2014. ARB’s response to Growth Energy’s request is available at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/growthenergyresponse_06052014.pdf.

For more information on SB 617, please see the Department of Finance’s implementing regulations at title 1, sections 2000-2004 of the California Code of Regulations (available at https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I3F8EE070481811E3A6E48D2522760836&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)#I401F60A0481811E3A6E48D2522760836).

To submit an alternative for ARB to analyze in its Standardized Regulatory Impact Analysis (SRIA) and/or under CEQA, please ensure that your submission discusses the alternative’s ability to fulfill the purposes of the draft regulatory proposal as ARB has presented it. To enable comparison of economic impacts, please submit the quantities of low-CI fuels used each year to comply with the alternative. Alternatives may be submitted via email to Ms. Kirsten King, at kking@arb.ca.gov.

The LCFS, a regulation to reduce the carbon intensity of fuels sold in California ten percent by 2020, is one of the measures adopted by ARB, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 38500-38599 (AB 32) to reduce greenhouse gases in California. It is designed to help clean the air, protect the environment, and drive the development of clean, low-carbon fuels.